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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The relevance of German patent applications DE 100, 36 641.4, DE 199 37 219 A1, and DE 199 37 218 A1 may be found at page 3, lines 8-12, of the specification.

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English language translations of DE 199 37 219 A1 and DE 199 37 218 A1 are also enclosed.

The relevance of German patent application DE 100 23 923 A1 may be found in the specification where reference is made to the related German patent application DE 199 26 531.3. German patent application DE 199 26 531.3 is discussed at page 1, lines 19-31, page 2, lines 1-5 and lines 12-28, page 7, lines 12-15, and page 13, lines 11-23.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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